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SCHMIDT AT THE CHANCELLERY, 1210 GMT,
JULY 14, 1978

1. FOLLOWING ARE THE INFORMAL REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
AND FEDERAL CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AT THE CHANCELLERY, BONN,
1210 GMT, JULY 14, 1978:

CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT (ICA TRANSLATION): LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
EXPRESS ONCE AGAIN, AND COMPLETELY PUBLICLY, THE
DELIGHT NOT ONLY OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC BUT OF THE
ENTIRE GERMAN PEOPLE OVER THE VISIT OF THE AMERICAN
PRESIDENT AND HIS SECRETARY OF STATE AND OTHER ADVISORS
AND PEOPLE ACCOMPANYING HIM.

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WE HAVE ALREADY WORKED HARD FOR THREE HOURS. WE
STILL HAVE A LITTLE WORK AHEAD OF US. THE PRESIDENT
WILL MAKE GERMANS HAPPY BY TAKING A TRIP TO BERLIN.
AND THEN COMES ANOTHER BIT OF HARD WORK WITH THE SO-
CALLED SUMMIT MEETING ON SUNDAY AND MONDAY.

AS FAR AS THE WORK UNTIL NOW IS CONCERNED, IT WILL

PROBABLY BE BEST IF I LET THE GUEST COME FORWARD
TO MAKE A FEW REMARKS. AFTER THAT THERE WILL BE AN
OPPORTUNITY FOR TWO OR THREE QUESTIONS. THEN
WE INTEND TO CONTINUE OUR WORK WHILE EATING.

THE PRESIDENT: FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK
PRESIDENT SCHEEL AND CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT, THE GERMAN
OFFICIALS FOR THE SUPERB WELCOME THAT THEY HAVE GIVEN
US, AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO RETURN TO BONN, TO
REVISIT BERLIN AND FRANKFURT ON THIS TRIP.

WE HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO REASSESS AND TO
APPRECIATE THE FIRM FOUNDATION OF MUTUAL PURPOSE AND
UNDERSTANDING, COOPERATION AND COMMITMENT TO THE
STRONG TIES THAT BIND US TOGETHER, POLITICALLY,
ECONOMICALLY, AND MILITARILY. UNDER SIX PRESIDENTS,
UNDER FIVE CHANCELLORS, AS CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT
EMPHASIZED THIS MORNING, THIS RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC
OF GERMANY HAS BEEN STRONG AND SOUND. AND HE AND I
BOTH AGREE THAT IT HAS NEVER BEEN STRONGER NOR MORE
SOUND THAN IT IS TODAY.

THE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN THOROUGH. WE
HAVE ASSESSED RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR OWN TWO
COUNTRIES AND THE COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE THAT WE ENJOY
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TO TRY TO PRESERVE AND TO ENHANCE PEACE THROUGHOUT
THE WORLD. WE HAVE DISCUSSED ECONOMIC PROBLEMS
THAT WE FACE TOGETHER, AND WE HAVE PREPARED OUR-
SELVES VERY THOROUGHLY, I BELIEVE, FOR A SUCCESSFUL
SUMMIT CONFERENCE THAT WILL COMMENCE DAY AFTER .
TOMORROW.

THESE DISCUSSIONS ARE VERY HELPFUL TO ME. I HAVE
NEVER MET ANY OTHER WORLD LEADER WHO HAS BEEN OF
MORE ASSISTANCE IN MY COMPREHENSION OF ECONOMIC MATTERS
THAN HAS CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT.

THE STRENGTH AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC
OF GERMANY IS A FIRM FOUNDATION, AS IS OUR OWN, FOR A
VERY FRANK DISCUSSION, NOT ONLY OF COMPATIBILITIES, BUT
OF DIFFERENCES OF OPINION. AND THESE DISCUSSIONS ARE
VERY FRUITFUL IN IDENTIFYING THOSE AREAS WHERE OUR
OWN NATIONAL INTERESTS MIGHT BE AT SOME SMALL
VARIANCE.
THE PURPOSE OF A SUMMIT CONFERENCE IS TO RESOLVE THE

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DIFFERENCES THAT WE CAN, TO ASSESS THE DIFFERENCES THAT
REMAIN, TO ESTABLISH COMMON GOALS, AND TO RECRUIT
THE PARLIAMENTARY AND CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS, THE
GENERAL PUBLIC, THE PRIVATE SECTOR OF OUR FREE SOCIETY
TO JOIN US IN REALIZING THOSE GOALS.

IN EVERY RESPECT I FEEL BOTH GRATEFUL AND ALSO CONFI-
DENT ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP THAT EXISTS BETWEEN THE
PEOPLE OF GERMANY AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES.

I LOOK FORWARD, MR.CHANCELLOR, TO THE CONTINUATION OF
OUR VISIT THROUGHOUT YOUR COUNTRY AND THE
SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF A VERY IMPORTANT SUMMIT
CONFERENCE WITH THE OTHER WESTERN DEMOCRATIC LEADERS.

I THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK
BRIEFLY TO THE GERMAN AND AMERICAN PRESS. AS YOU SAY,
WE ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR A FEW QUESTIONS.

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QUESTION: COULD YOU TELL US WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT THE GINZBERG TRIAL AND THE SHCHARANSKIY VERDICT OF THE SOVIET UNION?

THE PRESIDENT: IT IS OBVIOUS TO US THAT THE COURAGEOUS DISSIDENTS IN THE SOVIET UNION, MR. SHCHARANSKIY AND GINZBERG, HAVE BEEN ACCUSED AND TRIED AND PUNISHED, WILL BE PUNISHED BECAUSE THEY HAVE SUPPORTED THOSE WHO SOUGHT THE BASIC FREEDOMS THAT WERE GUARANTEED IN THE FINAL ACT OF THE HELSINKI AGREEMENT WHICH WAS SIGNED VOLUNTARILY BY THE SOVIET UNION ITSELF AND BECAUSE THEY SUPPORTED BASIC COMMITMENTS THAT ARE ALSO GUARANTEED IN THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, WHICH THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS HAVE PUBLICLY AND OFFICIALLY ENDORSED. WE DEPLORE THIS ACTION ON THE PART OF THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES.

OUR SYMPATHIES AND OUR SUPPORT REMAIN WITH MR. SHCHARANSKIY, ORLOV, AND WITH GINZBERG AND OTHERS. OBVIOUSLY, WE HAVE NO MECHANISM, NOR ANY DESIRE TO INTERFERE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE SOVIET UNION. BUT THE AROUSING OF PUBLIC CONDEMNATION AROUND THE WORLD FOR THE VIOLATION OF THESE PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN FREEDOM IS A LEGITIMATE ROLE FOR ME AS A LEADER AND FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR COUNTRY.

WE SEEK IN SPITE OF THIS ADVERSE CIRCUMSTANCE TO COOPERATE WITH THE SOVIET UNION WHENEVER POSSIBLE. WE ARE CONTINUING TO MAKE PROGRESS IN SOME AREAS WHICH ARE CRUCIAL TO THE SAFETY OF THE WORLD. SECRETARY VANCE HAS JUST RETURNED FROM A CONSTRUCTIVE MEETING WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE SOVIET UNION

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ON THE SALT AGREEMENTS. I WILL BE VISITING BERLIN, WHICH IS NOW BENEFITTING FROM THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT WHICH IS SUPPORTED BY THE SOVIET UNION AND THE WESTERN ALLIES.

SO WE DO CONDEMN THIS ACTION OF THE SOVIET UNION. AT THE SAME TIME WE WANT TO CONTINUE A PEACEFUL RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL COUNTRIES AND OUR VOICE WILL NOT BE STILLED AS WE CONSIDER THESE VIOLATIONS AND OTHERS AROUND THE WORLD OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS.

QUESTION: BUT WILL TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION?

CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT: (ICA TRANSLATION): I WOULD LIKE TO

ADD ANOTHER TWO SENTENCES IN COMPLETE
AGREEMENT WITH THAT WHICH THE PRESIDENT HAS JUST SAID.
THERE ARE NOT ONLY COURT CASES IN THE SOVIET UNION.
THERE ARE ALSO CASES IN OTHER COUNTRIES. WE
GERMANS ARE PARTICULARLY DISTURBED ABOUT THE CASES
AGAINST HUEBNER AND BAHRO THAT ARE TAKING PLACE THESE
DAYS IN THE OTHER PART OF GERMANY. AND I WOULD LIKE
VERY MUCH TO MAKE AMERICAN JOURNALISTS AWARE THAT THERE
ARE MANY PEOPLE IN THE EASTERN PART OF EUROPE WHO HAVE
TO SUFFER UNDER SUCH ACCUSATIONS AND PERSECUTIONS AND
JUDGMENTS FAR BEYOND THOSE WHO AT THE MOMENT ARE
ASSUMING SUCH A PROMINENT ROLE IN THE PUBLIC
CONSCIOUSNESS.

QUESTION: WHAT WAS THE REACTION OF PRESIDENT CARTER
TO THE PROTEST OF THE GDR AGAINST THE VISIT BY BOTH
CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AND HIM TO BERLIN?

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THE PRESIDENT: THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC HAS NO
ROLE TO PLAY IN THE ASSESSMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE
QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT. THIS IS AN AGREEMENT SIGNED
BY THE FOUR NATIONS INVOLVED AND THE GDR IS NOT A
PART OF THAT AGREEMENT AND HAS NO LEGAL NOR LEGITI-

MATE ROLE TO PLAY AS A COMMENTATOR.

IT IS COMPLETELY WITHIN THE AGREEMENT FOR THE CHANCELLOR OF GERMANY TO VISIT WEST BERLIN WITH ME AND I THINK THIS IS PART OF THE AGREEMENT ITSELF THAT THERE BE GOOD RELATIONS AND IMPROVED RELATIONS AND STRENGTHENED RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE WESTERN PART OF BERLIN AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. SO THIS IS A PROPER ACTION FOR US TO TAKE, FOR THE CHANCELLOR TO TAKE, AND THE GDR HAS NO LEGITIMATE ROLE TO PLAY AS A COMMENTATOR.

QUESTION: DID YOU DISCUSS THIS MORNING DEFENSE AND NATO ISSUES, PARTICULARLY THE EVENTUAL DEVELOPMENT
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OR DEPLOYMENT OF THE NEUTRON WEAPON?

THE PRESIDENT: YES.

QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, HAS THERE BEEN ANY DECISION MADE FOR THIS DEVELOPMENT OR DEPLOYMENT?

THE PRESIDENT: NO, WE HAVE NOT REACHED A FINAL DECISION ON THIS BUT WE HAVE A VERY FRANK AND EASY AND FREE DISCUSSION ABOUT THIS AND OTHER MATTERS CONCERNING NATO. THE MUTUAL BALANCE IN FORCE REDUCTIONS, THE SUCCESSFUL BUILDUP OF THE SOVIET'S VERY FORMIDABLE MIDDLE-RANGE MISSILES, SUCH AS THE SS-20, THESE ARE ALL MATTERS THAT WE HAVE DISCUSSED.

BUT WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO REVEAL THE SUBSTANCE OF OUR DISCUSSION.

QUESTION: I WONDER IF MR. SCHMIDT COULD TELL US HIS POSITION AS TO THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE WEAPON IN GERMANY?

CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT: I WOULD JUST LIKE TO UNDERLINE THE VERY SHORT BUT VERY PRECISE ANSWER OF THE PRESIDENT. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THERE WILL BE JUST TIME FOR ONE MORE QUESTION.

QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, CAN YOU TELL US WHAT ECONOMIC DIFFERENCES YOU DISCUSSED? WHAT ARE THOSE ECONOMIC DIFFERENCES THAT YOU HAVE WITH THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC?

THE PRESIDENT: THERE ARE A NUMBER OF MATTERS THAT WE
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HAVE DISCUSSED AND WILL BE ON THE AGENDA FOR THE
SUMMIT CONFERENCE INVOLVING THE OTHER FIVE LEADERS.
ONE OF THEM, OF COURSE, IS THE EXCESSIVE CONSUMPTION
OF OIL AND OTHER ENERGY PRODUCTS IN OUR OWN NATION,
THE ADVERSE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS THAT RELATE TO THE
UNITED STATES, THE COMMON DESIRE FOR THERE TO BE
VIGOROUS GROWTH AMONG THE WESTERN DEMOCRACIES, A
SHARING OF COMMITMENT TO REDUCE OBSTACLES TO FREE
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I THINK THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE THAT I COULD DETECT IN
THE ULTIMATE GOALS THAT WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE. BUT,
OBVIOUSLY, NATIONAL INTERESTS ARE AT VARIANCE. WE
ARE NOT NEARLY SO HEAVILY DEPENDENT, FOR INSTANCE, UPON
EXPORTS AS PART OF MAINTAINING EMPLOYMENT AND A
VIGOROUS ECONOMY, AS ARE THE OTHER NATIONS INVOLVED.
ONLY SEVEN PERCENT, ROUGHLY, OF OUR GROSS NATIONAL
PRODUCT GOES TO THE EXPORT TRADE.

I THINK MAYBE 25 OR 35 PERCENT OF GERMANY'S GROSS
DOMESTIC PRODUCT GOES TO THE EXPORT OF TRADE. WE
DON'T HAVE DIFFERENCES CONCERNING GOALS. BUT
THERE ARE NORMAL
DIFFERENCES OF PERSPECTIVE BECAUSE OF THE CHARACTERIS-
TICS OF OUR COUNTRIES.

QUESTION: DO YOU AGREE WITH CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT THAT
THE U.S. OIL IMPORTS IS THE GREATEST PROBLEM OF
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INTERNATIONAL TRADE?

CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT: THERE WILL BE ANOTHER PRESS
BRIEFING A LITTLE BIT MORE. WE WOULD LIKE ON BEHALF
OF THE PRESIDENT AND ON BEHALF OF MYSELF
TO THANK YOU ALL AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN SOME
OF THESE DAYS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH INDEED. END
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